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CONTAINING TITANIUM

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

Responsive to the Non-Final Office Action of June 2, 2008, applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.